



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## **Department of Public Safety Canine Officer seizes 529.5 pounds of marijuana from a pickup truck near Benson**

On January 29, 2009, at about 8:37 A.M. an Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Canine Officer stopped a black 1995 Ford pickup truck for displaying an expired Arizona license plate on I-10 at milepost 312, six miles east of Benson.

The officer ran his canine, "Becky", on the vehicle. The dog alerted to the presence of illegal drugs. A check of the vehicle uncovered 529.5 pounds of marijuana. The driver and one passenger were detained as the investigation continues.

This enforcement action is part of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's continued effort to disrupt and dismantle criminal organizations that grow or manufacture, transport, and sell illegal drugs, in order to make communities in Arizona and across the United States safer places to live.

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